

Reading and Writing Objectives

English 5

Reading Objectives

By fifth grade, most students are fairly fluent readers. Our goal will be to help students improve their skills across the year. We will be building seven skills that good readers use: summarizing, predicting, making connections, synthesizing, inferring, analyzing, and making critiques.

Below are some specific expectations for student abilities as they begin fifth grade and our goals for the end of fifth grade.

Beginning of Fifth Grade Fountas & Pinnell Level S	End of Fifth Grade Fountas & Pinnell Level U
Understand concrete words	Understand abstract words
Understand one meaning of words	Understand multiple meanings of words
Identify the number of syllables in a word	Identify the syllable breaks in words
Understand that words have parts	Use knowledge of affixes and roots to figure out word meanings
Understand words literally	Identify and explain figurative language, especially similes, metaphors, personification and hyperbole
Understand long sentences with complex structures, some with more than 15 words	Understand long sentences with complex structures, some with more than 20 words
Read dialogue with phrasing and expression that reflects understanding of characters and events	Read dialogue with phrasing and expression that reflects critical thinking about the text
List favorite books, authors and genres	Analyze why student likes a book, an author or a genre

NB: Students will be given reading time in class and within the 15-20 minutes of homework allowed for each class.

Writing Objectives

The focus will be on narrative and informative/persuasive writing. Students will be participating in Extreme Writing, creative writing and completing short pieces and longer projects. They will receive a rubric based on the 6 writing traits for each assignment.

Traits	Objectives
Ideas	Clear, focused main idea enriched with telling, unusual details
Organization	Inviting lead, satisfying conclusion, reader never feels lost
Voice	Irresistible voice that asks to be shared
Word Choice	Vivid, memorable, precise words-no wasted words
Sentence Fluency	Clear, fluent sentences that make expressive reading easy
Conventions and Presentation	Minimal grammar and punctuation errors to fix before publishing